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Mine Safety Agency to Hold Public Hearing in Lexington

LEXINGTON, Ky. – The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) will hold a public hearing on the Emergency Temporary Standard for Mine Evacuation April 26 at the Sheraton Suites, 2601 Richmond Road, in Lexington. The standard was issued March 9 to improve protection of miners during and after underground coal mine accidents and evacuations.

MSHA's emergency temporary standard is aimed at strengthening mine safety practices in four key areas: training, accident notification requirements for mine operators, self-contained self-rescue devices and lifelines. This is only the third time since 1978 that MSHA has pursued an emergency temporary standard.

What: Mine Safety and Health Administration's Public Hearing on

Emergency Temporary Standard for Mine Evacuation

When: Wednesday, April 26

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Sheraton Suites

2601 Richmond Road

Lexington, Ky. (859) 268-0060

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